

REMARKS

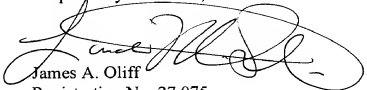
Claims 1-2 and 5-6 are pending in this application. By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 2 and 6 are amended and the specification is amended at page 8. Consideration of the Supplemental Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants greatly appreciate the courtesies extended Applicants' representative in the telephone discussion held April 10, 2007. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement that this Amendment will be considered together with the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on December 11, 2006. Further to the telephone discussion, this Supplemental Amendment addresses clear mistranslations in claims 2 and 6. Specifically, the phrase "dilute gas" should have been translated to recite "noble gas or rare gas." No new matter is added by these amendments. Support can be found in the specification at lines 14-16 of page 8. Argon is an example a noble gas, or a rare gas, and is never an example of a dilute gas. Thus, "dilute gas" is clearly a mistranslation. Moreover, SF_3 is an example of halide gas.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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